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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Examiner is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a. A copy of the pending claims in U.S. Application No. 10/531,618 is enclosed. The other documents listed are U.S. patents and a U.S. patent application publication.

On November 7, 2006 claims 6-22 and 24-29 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/531,618 (Pub. No. 2006/0014784 A1) were provisionally rejected on grounds of alleged obviousness-type double patenting over claims 6-22 of the subject application in view of Reiffen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,604,225) and Talley et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,156,781).

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